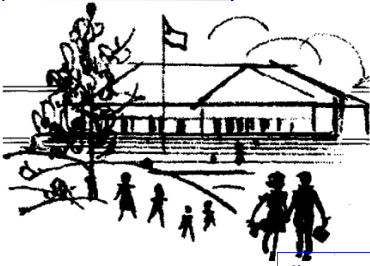


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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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"Providing Quality Service and Support to Graham County Schools"

Please visit our website

www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

The month of April was full of great weather and great events. I am always pleased to participate in different school activities. The Dan Hinton School "Be Smart, Stay Smart" program is always special. With all of the negative influences taking hold of our young people, these kids are resisting those influences with a program focused on making good choices. Good work teachers and students!

Plenty of other adults were working hard to give students healthy and productive opportunities. The 3rd Annual "Funding Our Future" auction was well-attended and provided lively entertainment for the large crowd. In addition to the Graham County 4-H program, SEACUS, Search and Rescue and the Boys and Girls Club were the recipients of our community's generosity.

I believe every service club in our county held some type of event, and in almost every case, our youth were the beneficiaries. My hat is off to all the adults who give of their time, to the students who choose to be involved and to our community for being so supportive.

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Dates to remember:

May 5—Graham/Greenlee Superintendents meet

May 6— FMI Burrowing Owl Project for grade 4

May 6—5-7:00 ADE Equity Meeting, Graham Co. General Services Building

May—25 Memorial Day

June 1-4—SEATA

The Graham County General Services Building is open Monday—Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and is closed on Fridays.

Save your SEAT at SEATA

Preregistration for the 2015 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy (SEATA) has begun.

Please mark June 1-4, 2015

on your calendar and plan to attend!

SEATA will be held on the Eastern Arizona College campuses and is free to Graham and Greenlee County educators. Out of county teachers are invited to attend for just \$50 per day. We will have professional development opportunities for everyone from preschool to high school educators.

Preregistration is now open:

<http://www.graham.az.gov/schoolsuperintendent/workshops/SEATA-Registration/>

Timeline:

May 11th—SEATA descriptions and planning sheet emailed to preregistered participants

May 14th-Eventbrite opens

May 21st—Eventbrite closes

Make sure you are preregistered!

We look forward to seeing you at SEATA!



- ⇒ Increase employment opportunities
- ⇒ Decrease college or technical training costs.

Gila Institute for Technology
GIFT now registering for 2015-2016
Central Programs Offered

Allied Health - Certified Nursing Assistant - Lab Assistant
Sports Medicine and Rehab Therapies - Cosmetology - Drafting

Individual Programs

Advanced Manufacturing— Autos—Early Childhood Education
EMT—Engineering—Graphic Design—HVAC—
Industrial Electrician— Law Enforcement—
Media Communications— Computers— Medical Assistant—
Office Assistant—Patient Care Technician—
Pharmacy Technician—Web Design—Welding

Check out our website and apply at www.gift-tech.org
Or call 928-348-3393

Who is Eligible?

- ◇ High School students in Graham and Greenlee Counties
 - ◇ Anyone under the age of 21
 - ◇ Must meet the program entrance requirements
- ◇ High school graduates, give us a call to see if you qualify

Submitted by Paulette LeBlanc

First Things First Community Outreach Coordinator

PROMOTING EARLY LITERACY

Working for First Things First has opened a whole world of research to me regarding the importance of the early years. I thought I'd share some supportive literature from the *Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics*. It is so heartening to see that pediatricians get it! They see literacy promotion as an essential component of their primary care practice.

Reading regularly with young children stimulates optimal patterns of brain development and strengthens adult-child relationships at a critical time in child development, which, in turn, builds language, literacy, and social-emotional skills that last a lifetime. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that pediatric providers promote early literacy development for children beginning in infancy and continuing at least until the age of kindergarten entry by (1) advising all parents that reading aloud with young children can enhance parent-child relationships and prepare young minds to learn language and early literacy skills; (2) counseling all parents about developmentally appropriate shared-reading activities that are enjoyable for children and their parents and offer language-rich exposure to books, pictures, and the written word; (3) providing developmentally appropriate books given at health supervision visits for all young children; (4) using a robust spectrum of options to support and promote these efforts; and (5) partnering with other child advocates to influence national messaging and policies that support and promote these key early shared-reading experiences.

Graham/Greenlee First Things First is very pleased to partner with Reach Out and Read to provide developmentally appropriate books to our local pediatrician, Dr. Richard Keith, of the Gila Valley Clinic. Dr. Keith not only distributes books to children at every well-child visit but models the read-aloud approach for the parents. The book goes home with the child as a prescription for literacy.

Reach Out and Read (ROR) is an American non-profit organization that advocates for childhood literacy. It was founded in 1989 at Boston City Hospital and was based on the premise to "encourage parents to read regularly to their children and give them the tools to do so." The program was created as a solution to the growing literacy problem in the United States. ROR was founded by pediatric physicians Barry Zuckerman and Robert Needleman, as well as early childhood educator Kathleen Fitzgerald-Rice. For more information, go to reachoutandread.org.



Free Distance Learning Programs Available from the Phoenix Zoo

Thanks to generous funding from APS Foundation we are able to offer free distance learning programs that broadcast into your classroom. **Phoenix Zoo Distance Learning** broadcasts include live animals, engaging and inquiry-based activities that are designed to complement classroom Academic Standards. The only technology you need to receive a program from us is internet access, a projector and computer, and speakers for sound. We also do have limited funds to help with renting technology, as needed. For more information visit on our programs visit <http://phoenixzoo.org/camps-programs/outreach/>. For questions regarding the scholarships or to book a program call our Reservations Department at 602.914.4333.



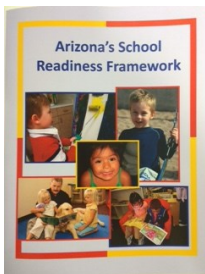
Take Your Classroom on an Interactive Journey Through a Working Copper Mine

Did you miss our live Virtual Field Trip? No problem! Relive the live event NOW; at the Dig Into Mining: The Story of Copper field trip archive at

[http://www.digintomining.com/virtualfieldtrips?
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m_campaign=Freeport](http://www.digintomining.com/virtualfieldtrips?utm_source=DiscoveryEducation&utm_medium=vftarchive_12.8.14_optin&utm_campaign=Freeport)

Visit this website for a variety of family and educator resources that gives middle school students a real-world look into how the earth's resources shape the world geologically, societally and economically.





2015 School Readiness Summit

June 11-13, 2015

8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

On site registration begins at 7:00 a.m.

This 3 day professional development opportunity targets professionals working within settings that support the early part of the educational continuum. Key features of the Summit include the recently completed Arizona's School Readiness Framework document and the opportunity to engage with other educational professionals around Arizona to establish a common definition of school readiness across the state.

There will a heavy focus on children's Approaches to Learning in regards to the Pre-K through kindergarten experience. Sessions will be centered on:

- Effective Instructional Strategies
 - Analyzing key components of the learning standards
 - Engaging participants in hands-on experiences
- Understanding the educator's role in the inquiry process
 - Discussing the continuum of early learning
- Identifying educator roles in helping children become school ready and achieve academically

Who

This Summit is designed for Pre-K and Kindergarten Teachers, Administrators, Paraprofessionals, Curriculum Specialists, and Instructional Coaches

Where

The Summit will held at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel
860 N. Riverview
Mesa, AZ 85201
Block Room Rates available starting at \$81 a night.
Please call the Sheraton Hotel 480-664-1221 for room accommodations and mention the School Readiness Summit

Contact

For questions and concerns, please contact:

Kristy Rosen

602-542-2790

Kristy.rosen@azed.gov

To register, go to

<http://www.ade.az.gov/online/registration/eventlocationselection.asp?EventID=4124&EventDate=6/11/2015>

An Invitation From the Arizona Department of Education

May 4, 2015

The Arizona Department of Education is excited to announce additional Town Hall sessions to discuss an important issue facing today's schools. We invite education stakeholders like you to attend one of the sessions and help provide important feedback to guide the state's plan toward Equitable Access to Excellent Educators. Please note, these meetings will have a very specific topic of discussion and are separate from Superintendent Douglas' planned tour of the state.

The U.S. Department of Education (USED) has tasked each state with providing a statewide equity plan that supports the idea of "equitable access to excellent educators." This plan will help us assist schools in Arizona with strategies to ensure all students, with special attention to students from low-income families and students of color, have access to our highest performing teachers.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the Town Halls listed below and encourage you to pass the invitation along to the students, parents, teachers, district personnel and community leaders in your network. As we expand our definition of stakeholder, we also ask that you assist us by inviting those community groups (e.g., local Boys and Girls clubs, chambers of commerce, local chapters of education associations, special interest groups, civic organizations, etc.) in your area who have always served as a valuable resource to your work. This will allow us to garner the most complete and meaningful picture of the equity challenges in our state.

We thank you in advance for joining us in this work and look forward to seeing you at one of the following meetings. Please feel free to contact me with any questions (mark.mccall@azed.gov or 602-364-2294).

Tucson - Wednesday, April 29. 5-7pm. Palo Verde High Magnet School, **1302 S. Avenida Vega**

Sierra Vista - Thurs. April 30. 5-7pm. Buena High School Cafeteria, 5225 E. Buena School Blvd

Phoenix - Monday, May 4. 10am-12pm. Maricopa County Education Service Agency, 4041 N Central Ave, Suite 1100. **(Space and parking are limited. Contact Mark McCall to reserve your spot.)**

San Tan Valley -- Monday, May 4. 5-7pm. Walker Butte Elementary, 29697 N Desert Willow Blvd

Safford--Wednesday, May 6. 5-7pm. Graham County General Services Building (Assembly Room) 921 West Thatcher Boulevard, Safford, AZ 85546

Tolleson--Thursday, May 7. 5-7pm. Tolleson UHSD Board Room, 9801 West Van Buren St.

Flagstaff--Monday, May 11, 2015. 5-7pm. Flagstaff Unified School District Board Room, 3285 E. Sparrow Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Ganado--Tuesday, May 12, 2015. 5-7pm. Ganado Middle School, Room A113/A114 Ganado Unified School District, Ganado, AZ Highway 264 86505

Chandler--Tuesday, May 19. 5-7pm. Primavera Blended Learning Center, 2451 N Arizona Avenue

Prescott--Wednesday, May 20. 5-7pm. Yavapai County Education Service Agency, 2970 Centerpointe East Drive

Statewide Webinar--Wednesday, May 27. To be scheduled.

[Mark McCall](#)

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EASTERN ARIZONA SCIENCE INITIATIVE Summer of Science!

Introducing the EASI 7th – 9th Grade Overnight STEM Camp!

Sponsored by the E.A.C. Science Dept. and hosted by the Tonto Creek Camp in Payson, AZ!



Over-Night STEM Activities – (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

Monday – Friday, June 8th – 12th

Mon. & Fri. at EAC Discovery Park Campus

Tues. – Thurs. at the awesome Tonto Creek Camp in Payson, AZ!

Bring your Sleeping Bag, and two changes of clothes for STEM Lessons under the Pines!

Only 50 participants selected must be going into 7th – 9th Grade
\$50 per participant – includes meals while at Tonto Creek Camp

Don't MISS this awesome opportunity – First come first reserved!!



2015 EASI Summer Science Camps!



Going into 6th & 7th Grade

Monday: June 15th 7:30 AM - 1:45 PM
Tuesday: June 16th 8:00 AM - 1:45 PM
Wednesday: June 17th 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Going into 8th & 9th Grade

Monday: June 22nd 7:30 AM - 1:45 PM
Tuesday: June 23rd 8:00 AM - 1:45 PM
Wednesday: June 24th 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Registration fee: \$35. (Due AFTER your selection has been confirmed.)

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the EAC Discovery Park Campus.

**All participants will receive an Awesome EASI SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP T-Shirt,
Backpack, Water bottle, Dinner on Wednesday evening, and a lot of Fun!**

2015 EASI High School Forensics Camp!



High School Grades entering 10th - 12th Grade

Mon.-Thurs.: June 22nd – 25th 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday: June 26th 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Learn scientific principles and laboratory techniques in collecting evidence, and conducting laboratory tests to solve crimes. You'll use computers, collect and analyze fingerprints, conduct blood stain and DNA analyses, and perform chemistry drug testing of a mystery powder. Hands-on experience using a gas chromatograph, Fourier transform infra-red spectrometer, UV-VIS spectrophotometer, along with other laboratory instruments as you perform analyses and work as a team to solve the crime.

A Field Trip to the Maricopa County Crime Lab is anticipated.

Registration fee: \$50. (Due AFTER your selection has been confirmed.)

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the EAC Main Campus.



Attention Grades 9-12 Teachers and College Faculty!

Are you interested in helping students:

Build 21st century workforce skills?

Understand and analyze spatial data?

Engage in authentic projects that provide marketable job skills?

Now seeking participants for **Advanced Geospatial Connections Promoting Advancement to Careers and Higher Education (GEOCACHE), Cohort 2.**

APPLY TODAY! Application Deadline: May 15, 2015

WHAT: A **paid** professional development opportunity to learn to integrate geospatial technologies and project based instruction into existing courses.

WHEN: Monday, June 8, 2015 through Friday, June 12, 2015 (8am-4pm) at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff Mountain Campus

BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS:

High quality, professional learning experiences

\$800 travel assistance

Up to \$1,400 stipend for full participation in all project components

Instructional and technical support as you implement

Opportunities to work alongside other high school teachers and college faculty

For an application or more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/geocacheproject> or email GEOCACHE.ate@gmail.com

Details:

The Advanced GEOCACHE Institute is designed to help high school teachers and college faculty develop geospatial technology-integrated, project-based instructional units for their existing courses.

After identifying a unit or module they currently teach which could benefit from a spatial perspective, participants will engage in a GIS workflow to identify, collect, and prepare spatial datasets for use in instruction both in ArcGIS Desktop and ArcGIS online. Beyond GIS skills, participants will also consider how best to assess student learning as they develop lessons that meet identified learning goals, build students' awareness of careers that utilize geospatial technologies, and practice 21st century skills. Guest speakers from the geospatial field will share how they use GIS in their work and research.

GEOCACHE participants will be expected to implement lessons with students during the following academic year and gather information about their students' attitudes about and awareness of geospatial careers. Therefore, applicants must work directly with high school or college students. Because GEOCACHE is funded by the National Science Foundation, applicants must be American citizens or permanent resident aliens.

SAFFORD CITY GRAHAM COUNTY LIBRARY



808 S. Seventh Ave.
Safford, AZ 85546
(928) 432-4165

The Safford City / Graham County Library offers services beyond checking out books. The Graham County School Superintendent has partnered with the library to offer homework help for students from kindergarten through college. **It's free to Graham County students.** Visit the library's homepage at www.cityofsafford.us and click on the *Homework Help* icon. This will lead you to the icon for **Tutor.com**. "Check out" this free tool and get help on any subject.

Citizens looking for help with finding a job should take advantage of the services offered by Job Skills Instructor, Kevin Hansen. Mr. Hansen offers help in finding jobs and preparing resumes. Additionally, he will help coach job seekers as they practice their interview skills. This is a great service!

The library has partnered with *First Things First* to enhance literacy skills in our youngest population. In addition to story time, parents can bring their children to the Brain Box sessions and other preschool activities scheduled throughout the year. The library has secured a grant from First Things First to fund the Imagination Library Book Club. Children ages birth through five can be signed up to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. These are just a few of the wonderful things families can explore due to the partnerships formed by the library.

Visit the Safford City / Graham County Library in person or online!



The Safford City—Graham County Library has partnered with the Arizona State Library to bring a fabulous FREE database of eBooks to our students!

Visit www.saffordlibrary.org

On the left side of the screen, click on "TumbleBooks / eBooks for Kids

"Check out" the titles, which now include non-fiction!

The books are indexed by reading levels, grade, and lexile.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity—it's free!

Visit the Gift Shop!

Safford City / Graham County Library

808 S. Seventh Ave.

Safford, AZ 85546 928-432-4165

Hours: Mon.—Thursday 10:00 a.m. —7:00 p.m. Closed Friday—Sunday

We're honoring teachers across Arizona!

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Attention College for Kids ages 11-14

Sign up now for

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CLASS

Who: All area swimmers between the ages of 11-14
(Children must be able to swim the length of the pool freestyle and be comfortable submerging to 5 feet.)

What: Students are given a sneak peek into what it takes to become a great lifeguard. They will be introduced to lifesaving skills, leadership skills, lifeguarding, and fitness.

Where: Tuesday/Thursday - South Campus-1A; from 5-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Pool, from 5-5:50 p.m.; and South Campus-1A, from 6-6:30 p.m.
Saturday - Pool, from 8-10 a.m.

When: This class is being offered twice. June 9-20, 2015; and July 7-18, 2015.

How much: \$50/per session.

More Info: Contact the instructor, Lori Christensen, at (928) 965-7069.

To Register: Contact the EAC Records and Registration Office at (928) 428-8270.



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DES Early Childhood Professional Training Opportunity

Early Child Care Professional Training is a no-cost, 60-hour course funded by the Department of Economic Security (DES)/Child Care Administration. Yavapai College and DES designed this course for anyone interested in working with young children. Besides building your career, the workshop can build your college degree. Completing the course allows you to earn three Yavapai College credits—all at no cost to you!

During this course, you'll learn about:

- * Child development
- * Appropriate learning environments
- * Child care licensing
- * Early reading and math activities
- * Nutrition and menu planning for growing brains
- * First aid and CPR

Call today to find out the where and when near you!

1-866-219-1021

Principals: A University Course for Your New High School Economics Teachers

Who: Teachers new to high school Economics

What: An online university course just for teachers

Where: Online, in Tucson, through the University of Minnesota

When: June 8 – August 28

Cost: Free! (Well, someone else is paying)

Principals,

If you have a teacher who will be teaching economics for the first time, or who has taught economics for only a year or two, this online course will prepare them to better teach economics. The University of Minnesota has developed a graduate-level course designed especially for high school teachers who suddenly find themselves teaching economics. This is a rigorous course rich in content, delivered online with once-a-week synchronous meetings, that includes a high school syllabus. Through a special arrangement between the University of Minnesota and the Thomas R. Brown Foundation, teachers can take the course for **50 continuing education units** at no cost (The Thomas R. Brown Foundation is paying their fee), or the teachers can choose to pay in-state tuition (not covered by TRBF) and receive graduate credit from the University of Minnesota. The foundation has also arranged to have the course instructor come to Tucson for a day-long workshop in June. The teachers will get to know their instructor, who will continue to work with them through the remainder of the summer. The focus of this course is microeconomics.

NOTE: Registration is limited, so interested teachers should contact TRBF as soon as possible. If you have a teacher who might be interested in learning more about this course, they can contact Barbara Gray at the Thomas R. Brown Foundation:

bgg@brownfoundations.org

or by phone: (520)345-5300 ext. 4





2015 Ed Eisele \$5,000 Teaching Awards: Get Nominated by May 8th

2015 Ed Eisele Awards for Excellence in Economics Education

Two Cash Awards of \$5,000 Each Nomination Deadline May 8, 2015

The University of Arizona Eller College of Management Department of Economics, the Office of Economic Education and the Thomas R. Brown Foundation are pleased to announce the second annual Ed Eisele Excellence in Economics Education Awards. In 2015, the Eisele Awards will recognize two southern Arizona teachers for their skill, creativity and impact on students through economics education. The awards are open to all southern Arizona K-12 teachers in Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz and Yuma Counties. The 2014 winners were Megan Kirts at Catalina Foothills High School and Deirdre Calhoun at the Civano Community School in the Vail District. You do not have to be a full-time economics teacher to enter; you just need to integrate economics into your course curricula.

The Nomination Process

Teachers may be nominated by an administrator, a current or former student, a school parent, or fellow teacher. Email nominations to bgg@brownfoundations.org and include a brief paragraph about the teacher being nominated. Nominations will be divided into K-8 and high school categories. Please include "Eisele Award Nomination" in the subject line of the email.

The Application Process

All nominated teachers will be invited to apply for the award by submitting an application, including an original lesson they have developed and used to teach economics. Completed applications must be postmarked **no later than June 1, 2015**.

The Selection Process & Awards Banquet

A selection committee will review all applications during the summer of 2015 and may arrange for classroom visits and/or interviews at the start of the 2015-16 school year. Winners will be notified in October 2015 and invited to an awards dinner that will take place in the fall semester. Awards will be a cash prize in the amount of \$5,000 per teacher. Winning teachers must agree to make their original lesson available to other teachers.

Nomination Deadline Send nominations to Thomas R. Brown Foundation in care of Barbara Gray at bgg@brownfoundations.org If you have questions, call Barbara Gray at the Thomas R. Brown Foundation (520) 345-5300, ext. 4.

Free E-Rate Consultant Services

Milan Eaton is the new “State E-Rate Coordinator for Schools” in Arizona. His goal is for every school in the state to receive a fair share of E-Rate funds through the USAC (Universal Services Administration Company). During the month of January, he plans to visit every county in the state to offer assistance with the Schools/Districts in the area. The Federal Communications Commission has recently updated its E-rate program to focus on expanding Wi-Fi networks in schools, especially small, rural schools. Mr. Eaton invites all schools and districts to visit the State E-Rate Website and join the E-Rate mailing list. His website address is: <http://www.azed.gov/erate/2014/09/10/join-our-e-rate-email-list/>

Mr. Eaton can also be reached at:

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602-542-3595

Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas cordially invites you to attend one of several public meetings during the “We Are Listening” Tour 2015.

We will be hosting constituents, legislators, educators, members of the community and school officials at these meetings. This is a valuable opportunity to voice comments, suggestions, and concerns regarding the state of education in Arizona.

Feel welcome at any meeting location you wish to attend.

5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Thursday, May 7 – Coronado High School – 7501 E Virginia AVE, Scottsdale, AZ

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Saturday, May 9 – Chandler Downtown Library Copper Room – 22 S Delaware St. Chandler, AZ

5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Thursday, May 28 – Pima Community College Center for the Arts – West Campus, 2202 Anklam Rd, Tucson, AZ

9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Saturday, May 30 – Buena High School Performing Arts Center – 5225 Buena School Blvd, Sierra Vista, AZ

5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Thursday, June 4 – Gila Community College – 8274 6 Shooter Canyon Rd, Globe, AZ

9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Saturday, June 6 – Casa Grande High School – 2730 N Trekell Rd, Casa Grande, AZ

5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Thursday, June 11 – Prescott High School – 1050 Ruth St, Prescott, AZ

9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Saturday, June 13 – *Location to be determined* – Flagstaff, AZ

5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Thursday, June 18 – Navajo Nation Council Chambers – Window Rock, AZ

9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Saturday, June 20 – Round Valley Dome – 555 N Butler St, Eagar, AZ

Any questions or to RSVP, please contact event coordinator Billie Brown at (602) 542-4253 or via email at Billie.Brown@azed.gov

Grant Opportunities for Teachers from the United Way of Graham County

A new grant opportunity for Graham County teachers is now available! Please follow these steps:

1. Visit www.uwgraham.com
2. Click on “How to Apply”
3. Click on the 2014 Grant Funding Guidelines to read about the United Way’s programs and funding priorities.
4. Click on the UWGC-EducationApplication-2014

Please note that applications will be accepted and reviewed every month except December. Complete and eligible applications received by the 1st of the month will be reviewed and a decision will be made and communicated that same month.

Please submit your complete application packet to uwgraham@gmail.com.

About the United Way

The United Way of Graham County is an all-volunteer organization that provides grant support to nonprofit organizations in southeastern Arizona. We serve Graham and Greenlee counties, providing funding support for causes in Education, Income and Health.

Our mission: to advance the common good by focusing on quality of life, health and education—the building blocks of a good life.

**Have you written your
grant yet?**

For assistance with your grant, please contact Paulette LeBlanc at pleblanc@aznex.net



Grant Funding Alerts

It's never too early to start working on a grant!

Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Grants

Mini-Grants for Education Application Window: May 1st –Oct. 1st

Please visit www.freeportinmycommunity.com

Grants in the range of \$100—\$500 a school is eligible to receive up to four mini-grants per year. Additional grant opportunities are available including the STEM Education grant. Graham County received nearly \$500,000 in the recent round of Community Investment Fund grant awards held in August. Thank you Freeport-McMoRan!

AzCASE STEM Grant

AzCASE and Cox Communications Arizona Out-of-School Time Programs

Deadline to apply is Friday May 15, 2015

Grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 will be funded based on the quality and impact of the proposed projects. Informal STEM learning in out-of-school time supports formal STEM learning by allowing youth to learn experientially through engaging, hands-on activities that require realistic, fun and engaging application of concepts learned in the classroom.

<http://azafterschool.org/stem/2015-stem-grant/>

Kinder Morgan Foundation K-12 Education, Environmental Education, Arts, and Youth Development Grants

Deadline: 10th of every month Amount: \$1,000—\$5,000

"The Kinder Morgan Foundation believes that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and our mission is to provide them with opportunities to learn and grow. Our goal is to help today's science, math and music students become the engineers, educators and musicians who will support our diverse communities for many years to come."

<http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/>

K-12 Educational Partnership Grants

Sponsor: The Dominion Foundation

Deadline: 5/15/2015

Amount: \$1,000—\$10,000

Type: Education, Environment, Science & Technology

Description: These awards encourage the development of new programs to strengthen students' mathematics and science skills by studying energy and the environment. Public and private elementary and secondary schools and public school divisions that are registered with the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES), Institutions of higher education and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations are invited to apply.

<https://www.dom.com/corporate/our-commitments/community>

Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts

Strengthening Secondary Education

Deadline: Open

Amount: \$100,000—\$200,000

Sponsor: Arthur Vining Davis Foundation

Type: Education

Grants are made for innovative professional development programs that strengthen teachers and their teaching in grades 9-12.

<http://www.avdf.org/FoundationsPrograms/SecondaryEducation.aspx>

2015 Champion Creatively Alive Children by Crayola LLC

Deadline: June 22, 2015

This grant program offered by Crayola LLC in conjunction with the National Association of Elementary School Principals. These grants will be awarded to 20 elementary schools that form a collaborative team and create an art-infused education program. Application requirements, past winners, and a free professional development program can all be found on the Crayola website at

<http://www.crayola.com/for-educators/>

D-Backs Program Grants

D-Backs program grants are given statewide to non-profit organizations. Funds for these grants are raised throughout the season through team fundraising events, including the annual Evening on the Diamond benefit dinner, Shirts Off Our D-Backs and additional events. All 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in Arizona are welcome to apply for funding, however, funding must be serving the people of Arizona. The deadline is open and the amount of grant funding available for projects is \$1,000—\$5,000. For more info: <http://arizona.diamondbacks.mlb.com/ari/community/grants.jsp>

Daily Point of Light Award

Deadline: Rolling

The power of the individual to spark change and improve the world—that's what the Daily Point of Light Award celebrates. Nominate a local hero for this award. Recognition includes a certificate signed by President George H.W. Bush.

<http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/recognition>

VEX Robotics

Schools interested in learning more about VEX Robotics and available grants should visit

<http://www.vexrobotics.com>

www.roboticseducation.org www.robotevents.com

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Name: Annenberg Foundation

Who: Areas of arts, culture and humanities, civic and community, environment, education, and human health and wellness

Amount: \$10,000 - \$100,000

Deadline: Rolling

Link: <http://www.annenbergfoundation.org/grantmaking/how-to-apply>

Name: Arthur Vining Davis Foundations **Who:** Projects for improving teaching

Amount: \$100,000-\$200,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Projects may cover a wide range of initiatives intended to improve teaching. For example, projects might be designed to improve professional development for in-service and pre-service teachers, strengthen teaching skills, support practical research in teacher and high school education, or encourage innovative use of technology and new techniques for presentation of classroom materials in high schools

Link: www.avdf.org

Name: Ceres Foundation Grants

Who: For benefit of disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families

Amount: Up to \$240,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: To expand opportunities for disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families to develop and make full use of their potential, so that they will be able to earn decent livings, enjoy healthy relationships, pursue their ambitions, and participate in their communities.

Link: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/ceres/>

Name: JP Morgan Chase Grants

Who: Open for non-profit organizations

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Create Pathways to Opportunity - a holistic approach to ensure that individuals have access to the knowledge, skills, resources, and capital they need to secure their futures and compete in the global economy.

Link: <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/grant-programs.htm>

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Youth Program Grants

Deadline: Open

Sponsor: The Entertainment Software Association Foundation

Amount: Varies

Type: Social & Economic, Arts & Culture

The ESA Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth.

<http://www.esafoundation.org/application.asp>

KaBOOM! Spruce Project Grants

Deadline: Rolling

Are you itching to serve? Organize your friends, clean up a playground, and you can become eligible for \$750, courtesy of Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. The grant is part of the Let's Play initiative to get kids and families active.

<http://grants.kaboom.org>

Name: Little Kids Rock Music Professional Development & Equipment Program

Who: Public school districts

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Teachers receive training & donation of curricula, instruments and other resources so that they can launch Modern Band music programming for students at their schools. Partners with public school districts in some of the nation's most economically disadvantaged communities with the goal of ensuring that all students (K-12) have access to music education and its many benefits. Teachers apply to be trained to use our innovative and transformational methodology. After their training is complete, teachers receive a donation of curricula, instruments and other resources so that they can launch Modern Band music programming for students at their schools

Link: <http://www.littlekidsrock.org/the-program/how-it-works/>

Name: Toyota USA Foundation: STEM Grants

Who: Schools, organizations to improve STEM education

Amount: \$200,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: To improve k-12 education by supporting innovative programs in the areas of math, science, and environmental science.

Link: <http://toyota.com/about/philanthropy/guidelines/index.html>

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Sponsor: Major League Baseball and Major League Baseball Players Association

Name: Baseball Tomorrow Fund

Who: Youth programs

Cost Share: None Shown **Amount:** Typically \$50,000-\$100,000

Deadline: Quarterly

Description: To promote and enhance the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball around the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, uniforms, and equipment. Grants are intended to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Supports projects that meet the following evaluation criteria: increase the number of youth participating in baseball and softball programs; improve the quality of youth baseball and softball programs.

Link: eb.mlbcommunity.org/index.jsp?content=programs&program=baseball_tomorrow_fund

Youth and Community Development Grants

Sponsor: Office Depot Foundation

Deadline: Monthly **Amount:** \$50-\$3,000

Description: The Foundation provides funding to the following program areas: 1. Giving Children Tools for Success—Supporting activities that give young people tools to succeed in the school and in life through education and inspiration. 2. Building Capacity to Serve Communities—Supporting programs that help non-profit organizations to serve the needs of their communities efficiently and effectively. 3. Disaster Preparedness, Relief, Recovery and Rebuilding....

<http://officedepotfoundation.org>

Name: Actuarial Foundation: Advancing Student Achievement (ASA) Grant

Who: To benefit grades 4-12

Amount: \$5,000 **Deadline:** Open

Description: Supports math enhancement programs that bridge the gap between classroom and real world mathematics for grades 4-12 students in U.S. public and private schools. Programs eligible for support may include, but are not limited to, clubs, competitions, before and after school programs, classroom extension periods, etc. Funded programs must impact 20 to 25 students and meet a minimum of one time per month. **Link:**

http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/programs/teachers/what_asa_grant.shtml

Whew—you are finally at the end of this newsletter!

Sponsor: U.S. General Services Administration

Name: Computers for Learning

Who: Schools and educational nonprofits

Amount: based on need **Cost Share:** None **Deadline:** rolling

Description: Computers for Learning (CFL) program allows schools and educational nonprofits to view and select computer equipment that federal agencies have reported as excess. The CFL program includes making modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom, connecting classrooms to the national infrastructure, providing teachers with the professional development they need to use new technologies effectively, and encouraging the use of innovative educational software.

Link: http://computersforlearning.gov/htm/hp_aboutprogram.htm

Arizona Community Foundation Scholarships

The Arizona Community Foundation is now inviting Arizona high school seniors, current students at colleges and vocational-technical schools and graduate-level students to apply for college scholarship funding available for the 2015-2016 academic year. Completing just one application automatically matches students with every scholarship opportunity for which they qualify from among ACF's 80 awards.

Volunteer Opportunities at Discovery Park

Every Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the Greenhouse at Discovery Park will be open for people to come in, say "hi" and volunteer a bit of their time helping to grow native plants for various restoration projects in our area. This is also a great time to ask questions about the status of the Gila River Restoration Project headed by the Gila Watershed Partnership.

For more information or alternate hours, contact:

Justin Johnson, Plant Propagation Coordinator, Gila Watershed Partnership
605-270-3201 or jjohnson.gwp@gmail.com

USDA—Safford Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest

The District is hosting the United States Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program. They will be hiring 10 young individuals (5 men and 5 women), 15 to 18 years of age as of the first day of work.

The program will begin on June 1, 2015 and will continue through July 25, 2015 (8 weeks).

To obtain an application, contact Kimberly Termain at Graham One Stop, 1910 Thatcher Blvd.
Safford, AZ 85546 928-432-6932 ex. 302

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